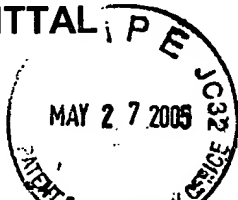
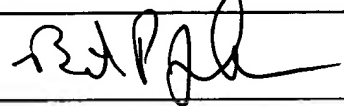


<b>REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL</b>	Application No.	09/975,593
	Filing Date	October 10, 2001
	First Named Inventor	Mark S. Crowder
	Art Unit	3729
	Examiner	Kim, Paul D.
Address to: Mail Stop RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450		Attorney Docket No. 3123-379

**This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.** Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application.

- Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114.** Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously-filed, unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, applicant must request non-entry of such amendments.
  - ☒ Previously submitted. If a final Office Action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office Action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.
    - ☒ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on 4/12/04
    - ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
  - ☒ Enclosed
    - ☐ Amendment/Reply
    - ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
    - ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
    - ☒ Other Statement of Substance of Interviews With Examiner
- Miscellaneous**
  - ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required).
  - ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- Fees.** The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.
  - ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 19-1970. I have enclosed a duplicate copy of this sheet
    - ☐ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
    - ☒ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
    - ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
  - ☒ Check in the amount of \$ \$790.00 enclosed
  - ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed).

Signature		Date	5/27/05
Name (Print/Type)	BRENT P. JOHNSON	Registration No. (Attorney/Agent)	38,031